

## RESOLUTION NO. 204-19

BY: **DEBORAH LIME, KRISTIN L. SABAN**

A RESOLUTION DECLARING OCTOBER AS  
“NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH”  
IN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, held every October, the National Bullying Prevention Month is a campaign in the United States founded by PACER’s (Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights) National Bullying Prevention Center in 2006; and,

WHEREAS, PACER reached out to communities through partnerships with education-based organizations such as the National PTA, American Federation of Teachers and National Education Association to provide schools, parents and students with resources to respond to bullying behavior and to begin the shift of societal acceptance of bullying to social change of addressing the issue through education and support; and,

WHEREAS, bullying can be aggressive and mean, as well as potentially life threatening, and according to the National Center for Educational Statistics, more than one out of every five students (20.8%) students reported being bullied on school property within the past year; and,

WHEREAS, students who experience bullying are at risk for poor school adjustment, loss of self-esteem, sleep difficulties, anxiety and depression.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the Council and the Administration of the City of Parma hereby declare the month of October, 2019 to be “National Bullying Prevention Month” and support anti-bullying activities throughout the community.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a true and accurate copy of this Resolution to the National Bullying Prevention Center, Minneapolis, MN.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary due to the observance taking place this month, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH  
THE MAYOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO